[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

(*e*) The average of the quantities exported during the last six years comes to 16,161 cwts. or 1,810,032 lbs. Calculated at the rate of Bh. Re. 1-8-0 per 100 lbs. which is the existing rate of duty on tea, the duty on this quantity of cardamom would amount to Bh. Rs. 27,150-8-0.

Vernacular Primary School at Koduvazhannur.

18.* MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Vernacular Primary School at Koduvazhannur pakuthi in Chirayinkil taluk is now conducted in a temporary shed, and, if so, from what date the school is being so conducted and what in point of safety to pupils, is the nature and condition of the temporary shed: and

(*b*) why provision is not made for the construction of a permanent shed for the school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is presumed that the member means the Nagaroor Primary School for Boys.

(*a*) Yes; from 7-12-1104.

The Sub-Division Officer, Trivandrum West Sub-Division, inspected the shed and found it unfit for housing a school. The owner of the shed has since strengthened it by removing the defects pointed out by the Sub-Division Officer.

(*b*) Government have sanctioned the provision of a new building to the school at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,900. The work will be taken up as soon as funds become available.

Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme.

19.* MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With regard to the Electric Supply Scheme introduced in the Trivandrum town, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it was the original intention of Government to introduce street lights throughout the town;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative how and why the original intention was modified;

(*c*) how many streets were newly lighted during 1107 M. E. and which were they;

(*d*) what are the main considerations which weigh with the Government or the Electrical Engineer for introducing lights in a public street; and

(*e*) whether they will lay on the table a copy of the G. O. sanctioning the introduction of Electric Supply Scheme to the Trivandrum town?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) Two. The approach road to the Pettai Railway Station and the approach road to the Central Station, Trivandrum.

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(*d*) The importance of the road with reference to traffic, and the number of consumers obtainable.

(*e*) A copy of the G. O. is laid on the table.

R. O. C. No. 5156/25/P. W. dated 2nd September 1927, from the Chief Secretary to Government to the Chief Engineer, Travancore.

With reference to your letters Nos. 1465, and 1466, dated 6th June 1927, regarding the Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme, I have the honour to inform you that, as recommended, Government sanction the acceptance, provisionally, of the wholly Oil Engine Scheme as outlined by Mr. K. P. P. Menon in his final report, dated 26th March 1927, providing for an Oil Engine Installation at Trivandrum at an estimated total cost of about Rs. 2·75 lakhs. It is noted that a provision of Rs. 1½ lakhs has been made for the purpose in the P. W. D. Budget for 1103.

2. Government also sanction Mr. K. P. P. Menon, the Industrial Engineer, being appointed as an Electrical Engineer in the Public Works Department, temporarily for one year, on his present scale of pay plus a duty allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem, to initiate the working of the scheme inthe P. W. D. Mr. Menon will, in addition, be in charger of the working of the proposed Telephone Extension in the town, which is unde consideration.

3. As one of the main objects of the scheme is the lighting of the town streets, the existing gas houses and the plant &c., for generating gas for street lighting will cease to be of any use, after the scheme is completely worked out. I am, therefore, to request that you will be so good as to send up, at a very early date, your proposals for disposing of them or for using them for other purposes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether it was not the original intention of Government, when they passed the order, to introduce lighting in the public streets of Trivandrum?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN: That is part of the scheme.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Then, may I know why many of the public streets are not lighted?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN: That will be attended to gradually.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether there is enough of current in the Power House to light the public streets?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN: The current will be given according to necessity.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know how a particular street is preferred to another in the matter of lighting?

PRESIDENT: That question has been answered. The importance of the road with reference to the traffic and the number of consumers obtainable are the prime considerations.

Opening of an Anchal office at Madavoor-Pallikkal.

20. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representations regarding the opening of a new Anchal Office at Madavoor-Pallikkal in Chirayinkil taluk, and if so, when the earliest representation was and what action has been taken in the matter?

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